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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/516,588	TSUCHIDA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Shyam Shirali	1654	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election with traverse of 1-4 in its response to the Election of species requirement of 08/15/2005 is acknowledged. The traverse is based on the grounds that search and examination of one species will encompass the other species so that no undue burden is placed on the examiner.

Alternatively, upon allowance of a generic claim the examiner is requested to consider claims of additional species that include all of the limitations of the allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

Applicants argument is not found persuasive because, as Examiner explained in the election of species requirement of 08/15/2005 a separate search is required for each species. The applicant traversed on the grounds that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant did not submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case.

Claims 1-3 reads on the elected species, claim 4 is withdrawn from the consideration pursuant to 37 C.R.F.1.142. As being drawn to a nonelected invention. Thus, claims 1-3 will be examined on the merit.

The restriction requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3 (4 is withdrawn) are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsuchida et al., (Bioconjugate chem., 1999, 10, 797-802)., and Tsuchida et al. (Bioconjugate chem., 2000, 11, 46-50).

Tsuchida et al., (Bioconjugate chem., 1999, 10, 797-802) teaches that substituted amido phenylporphyrinatoiron(II)s (FePs) are incorporated in hydrophobic cavities of recombinant human serum albumin (rHSA), providing a synthetic O₂ carrier hemoprotein under physiological conditions. (col.3, line 65).

Tsuchida et.al. (Bioconjugate Chem., 1999, 10, 797-802) does not teach the finding of cyclic amido phenylporphyrinatoiron (II).

Tsuchida et al. (Bioconjugate chem., 2000, 11, 46-50) teaches that amidophenylporphyrinatoiron(II) analogs related to the substituted porphyrins in combination with albumin show a good activity in the anesthetized rats (page 47, results and discussion).

It would be been obvious to make the substituted cyclic 1-methyl cyclohexanyl amido phenylporphyrinatoiron (II) because the minor structural changes between this compound and the compounds made by Tsuchida (Bioconjugate chem., 2000, 11, 46-50) would not be

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expected to alter the O₂ binding characteristics of the molecules.

Tsuchida et. al.(Biocojugate Chem.) showed that human serum albumin (HAS) incorporating synthetic hemes (FeP)s is an artificial hemaprotein (HAS-FeP) which is able to reversibly bind and release dioxygen under physiological conditions. The physiological response to exchange transfusion with HAS and (FeP)s into the rats has been discussed. He also discusses and determined the half life time of deoxygenated HAS-FeP.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that the similar molecule with Formula I in claims with R=methyl cyclohexanol substitution would be motivated to combine the teachings of experimentation to modify the phenylporphinatoiron(II) and use albumin clathrate as a dispersion.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shyam Shirali whose telephone number is (571)-272-5547. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.00am to 4.30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr.Bruce Campell can be reached on (571) 272- 0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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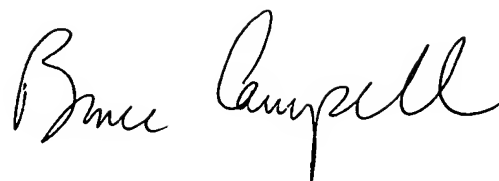
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